

It is in order now to discuss Presidential nominations, and the country press is everywhere making suggestions on the subject. The Chronicle is a widely circulated paper of great influence and national importance, and it is only in keeping with the spirit of the times that we, too, should have something to say in this regard.

Our present purpose is to protest against the nomination of Tilden and Hendricks, "the old ticket," as it is called. To our way of thinking, if there ever was a reason why these gentlemen should be again brought before the American public as the Democratic candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency, that reason ceased to exist after the action of the Cincinnati convention of 1876, in placing another ticket in the field. "The fraud issue," if it ever had any vital importance, was forfeited then, and any attempt to bring them forward in the next campaign would be silly and calculated to bring the party into ridicule. We mean to revive it by claiming that Messrs. Tilden and Hendricks are personally entitled to the offices on account of having been once cheated out of them. The great fraud of '76, as a stain on the Republican party, will always be a strong point for the Democrats to use, and the Republicanism exists, but it can gather no force from again making Tilden and Hendricks the Democratic nominees. The ticket was a strong one in 1876 and the best that could have been made then, but aside from the doubtful expediency of reproducing old candidates, material circumstances have transpired to lessen its strength within the past seven years. There is a belief entertained by many Democrats that Tilden could have secured the Presidency if he had been bold enough to claim his rights in '76, and whether that be true or not, it is calculated to diminish his popularity. Then, too, he positively declined to be nominated in '80 and his age and infirmities would make against him as the coming candidate. Added to all this is the almost universal demand that the first place on the next Democratic ticket should be given to a Western man. The East has been tried long enough in vain, and the party next year will call to the front some vigorous Democrat from the West.

Mr. Hendricks has gained in nothing but unpopularity since 1876. His untimely ambition made him scorn a renomination for the second place when a large portion of his party thought it was incumbent on him to again make the race and now that the Presidential battle has entirely escaped him, he evinces his weakness by scheming for a revival of the old ticket.

The party is in excellent trim for the fight next year and with a due exercise of prudence and wisdom, its success is insured. The "old ticket" has many weak points and no very strong ones, it must not, and will not, be remanufactured.

## A RAILROAD BUILDER.

Mr. Albert L. Rice, of 149 Broadway, New York, sends us for publication a letter which he says is "the copy of one sent Gov. Rice." The reason he assigns for sending it to us is expressed in the sentence, "You must be interested in having our state built up." He is very correct in that supposition and the efforts of the CHRONICLE to do all in its power for the advancement of Tennessee evinces its truth. We are anxious to promote the welfare of the State, but to speak plainly, Mr. Rice's very liberal, but rather indefinite proposition, bears too much the marks of a crank's mere notions and concurrence in his schemes. If we mistake not, this same letter, or one very much like it, was sent to the Nashville American a month or two since. It is something of a curiosity, in its way, and we publish it more for the amusement than the serious consideration of our readers. This is the letter:

Governor William B. Rice.—DEAR SIR:—I respectfully call your attention to a matter, having reference to the material welfare of your State. You will agree with me, that the building of long lines of railroads through your State would be of great benefit to your people. I will therefore inform you, that I am prepared to erect, on the building of several long lines of railroads at a time, and do not want any money till sections of 25 or 50 miles are completed.

Yours very truly,

ALBERT L. RICE.

149 Broadway, New York, Oct. 8, '83. While Mr. Rice is engaged in this wholesale business of building "long lines of railroad," Clarksville would like to put in a bid for two or three, or maybe we could take as many as a half dozen. But before he can get any money to assist in such enterprises, we would like to inform him that he will have to introduce his business to the Nashville American, or a reliable agent, and by before them some definite scheme with assurances of good faith on his part and of his ability to comply with his contracts. However, the I. A. & T. railroad is about as much in the railroad line as Clarksville can well manage just now, but nobody here would object Mr. Rice's business "two or three long lines" terminating at this point if he chooses to do so. But speaking for the whole state, there are numerous towns in Tennessee that are awful anxious for a railroad and would esteem Mr. Rice a great benefactor if he would give them one. There's Carthage, for instance, has been "choking" against Nashville for the Cincinnati & Green River road; Lebanon would like to have the Tennessee Pacific carried to Knoxville, and the people of Jackson and Somerville would delight in a direct line from the former place to Memphis. We can assure Mr. Rice that there is plenty of work in Tennessee for a man of his kind to come down this way and look after the matter in person.

Most kukluxing is reported from Georgia. Let the good citizens see to it that these midnight prowlers are dealt with according to law.

Colonel Archie Campbell makes an amusing mistake in one of his interesting letters from the Pacific slope to the Wheeling Intelligencer. It was Sunday, the editor says, who was a monarch of all he surveyed, who exclaimed: "Better dwell in the midst of alarms than reign in this horrible place." No, it was not Sunday who said that, but Robinson Crusoe, according to the poet Cowper—Cincinnati Commercial Gazette.

Mistaken again, as usual, Robinson Crusoe was written by Peter Parley—Memphis Ledger.

Such ignorant assertions are an insult to the pure and guileless faith of all the English-speaking people who have lived for a century past. Robinson Crusoe is a true story and was either written by old Robin himself or his man Friday. We appeal to Bob White, of the Lebanon Herald, to say if our statement is not the correct one.

CONGRESSMAN HOLMAN, of Indiana, popularly known as "The Great Objector," and who has been brought into prominence as the New York Sun's candidate for the Presidency, has been interviewed. He is not a candidate for the Presidency, and favors Tilden for the Democratic nomination. He thinks that internal revenue taxation should be abolished. He favors a revenue tariff which he says "has been the traditional policy of the party." He says "The Democratic party is now, and has been from the beginning, in the main, composed of laboring men, and it is not at all likely that such a party would, by hasty and inconsiderate legislation, or in any other way, impair the interest of productive industries."

BROADSTREET'S of this week says: "Tennessee has at least four sources of wealth: its fertile fields, that produce every crop known in this country, its manufactures, its minerals, and its immense wealth of valuable timber." It seems that the world is just awakening to the vast resources of our State, and it requires no prophetic vision to tell that since its great advantages have been discovered and acknowledged it will ere long be one of the wealthiest and most prosperous states in the Union, as it is now one of the most favored by nature. Added to what Broadstreet says, may be mentioned its temperate climate and superior geographical situation. Tennessee is destined to be a great state in the near future.

THE CHRONICLE has been unceasing in its endeavor to awaken the people of Clarksville to a full realization of the advantages that lie within their reach for making this city a great manufacturing center, and to persuade them to avail themselves of such advantages. In this effort the CHRONICLE has been ably seconded by a gentleman who is at once a leading citizen of this city and a man of broad intelligence. We direct especial attention to the present tariff, which is a home to the latter, while the former is left to take care of himself. It is the abolition of the wool tariff by the last Congress that caused the Republican defeat in Ohio, and unless the Democrats are true to their promise in restoring that tariff, not only Ohio, but all the wool growing states in the Union, with the probable exception of Tennessee, will give the party in the Presidential contest.

THE Athens Post thinks it is old enough to stand alone and need not any "special offers to subscribers" to maintain its large circulation. In replying to a proposition from "Texas Sayings" to club with that paper it says: "The circulation of the Post is larger to-day than at any time since its revival in 1867. This being the true state of the case, we respectfully decline to accept entangling alliances with other newspapers, and we will continue to offer weekly installments of taffy and peanuts to induce people to peruse its columns."

Is Ben Butler ever had any Presidential prospects it was unfortunate for that cock-eyed son of destiny that the recent civil rights decision should have been made just when it was. It is a forcible reminder to those Democrats who might have been oblivious of the specter of 1860, that the actions of venable order, that it was the venerable Ben, who reported that civil rights bill from the committee into the House, and was one of its most loud mouthed supporters.

THE Princeton Banner says the "engineering corps" of the Clarksville and Princeton road reached Princeton last week. "Corps" is suggestive, very suggestive—Harpisville South Kentuckian.

The Banner's orthography is a little "off," but we suppose what our Harpiskville contemporary finds so suggestive in the mispelt word, is that the railroad, which is being pushed very rapidly to completion, will make a corpse of a certain Kentucky town that is badly side-tracked by that great thoroughfare.

The President has issued his proclamation, appointing Thursday, Nov. 29th, a day of National Thanksgiving. We have many things to be thankful for this year. There's the Ohio election, for instance, to say nothing of the decision of the Supreme Court in the civil rights cases. The South is especially thankful for the beginning of a new era of prosperity that marks out for her a glorious future and a high destiny.

HON. JOHN Y. KEITH, State Senator from the Jackson District, knows how to round a sentence and point a period. In his welcoming address to the Northern excursionists at Jackson last week he said, "The gory and bitter past does not rankle in the hearts of the Southern people. They are looking to a glorious future, the dead past is locked up in oblivion and the key hangs in the girdle of God."

## TENNESSEE TALK.

Saloon in Tallahoma are required to close at 9 p. m.

The Trenton cotton seed oil mill is proving a great success.

Cattle and hogs are being shipped in large quantities from Gallatin.

Paris complains of a dearth of literary and social entertainments.

A new Cumberland Presbyterian Church was finished in Milan last week.

The Cumberland Presbyterian synod convened at Fayetteville last week.

A chair factory in Union City is a fixed fact and a thing of the near future.

There is a prohibition club in Winchester that holds monthly mass meetings.

Nearly all the Middle Tennessee papers report an increased acreage sown in wheat.

Col. Thos. Boyer of the Gallatin Expedition has been a journalist fifty-nine years.

A company has been organized at Chattanooga, with \$20,000 capital, to manufacture chairs.

Twenty dollar counterfeit bills are circulating in Tennessee. Keep a look-out for them.

Farmers about Murfreesboro are complaining of the invasion of bird hunters on their premises.

The Memphis Conference of the M. E. Church, South, will convene at Union City on December 12th.

There is considerable talk among the people of Dickson of erecting a hub and spoke bridge to the Tennessee River.

Since the four-mile law went into effect in Ashland City, there has not been a licensed saloon in Cheatham county.

Some gentlemen are constructing a fish pond near Dresden that will give an acre of ground, and is to be stocked with carp.

Tennessee papers continue to report the arrival of Northern excursionists. They all say, and, in some instances, bring the news with them.

Nash's State Gazette: After one or two sharp frosts, which may be expected now, fishing at Redfoot will be at its best, in that wonderful body of water.

A man from the West, who has been in the West for some time, has been in the West for some time, and has been in the West for some time.

The Wagon car works foundry of Chattanooga, is casting forty-two tons of iron for the gates at Muscle Shoals. The castings weigh about 9,000 pounds each.

Editor Tom Neal began the publication of the Gazette at Dyersburg in '76, and claims "the longest unbroken connection between man and paper in the State."

Lawrenceburg celebrated the advent of the first locomotive into that town October 21st, when the Nashville & Florence Railroad was completed to that point.

When the Northern excursionists arrived in Jackson, the band that met them at the depot first played Hail Columbia, then Yankee Doodle, and finally the Star Spangled Banner.

The Brownsville papers are enjoying such a boom in the way of advertisements that they have to publish supplements. The supplements are published twice a week with twelve pages of seven columns each.

Girls have gone up in Tipton county. The call says marriage license now costs \$5.75 in that county, of which \$2.50 goes toward the payment of the railroad debt, \$2.25 to the school fund, and 50 cents to the clerk.

Balloon ascensions were made at McMinnville last week, in one of which the balloon disappeared among the clouds and was lost to sight for some time. The balloonist says he got in the realm of sunshine above the clouds.

Intelligence: Paris wants an artisan well, a fire department, a cannery factory, more street lamps, a military company, a police force, and a fire engine. He wants them all, and he wants them now.

A daring thief entered the smoke-house of the editor of the Jonesboro Journal, and carried off everything in it, which consisted of one-half pound of beef liver. The editor's family are undergoing the trying ordeal of not having any beef liver.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF.

Public debt reduction in Nov., \$10,000,000.

Cholera has appeared at Alexandria.

Coal oil has been found on the Tombigbee in Southwest Alabama.

Pere Hyacinthe arrived in New York on the steamer Alaska Sunday.

Lord Chief Justice Coleridge has returned to England.

The cotton house of Morris Ronger, Liverpool, has failed for over \$2,000,000.

The new comet will be visible to the naked eye during the month of December.

Alabama got \$3,750 last year as her share of the Pendock school fund.

The Bishop of Freuden, Austria, hanged himself Sunday with a strap.

The formal transfer of the command of the army from Sherman to Sheridan, took place Thursday.

A monument to Alexandre Dumas, the great French novelist, was unveiled in Paris yesterday.

In a street-shooting at Harrodsburg, Ky., Tuesday, Robert Pulliam killed R. H. Hawley.

Matthew Arnold delivered his last lecture at New York, Tuesday night, to a large house.

J. G. Hill has been succeeded as Supervising Architect of the Treasury by M. E. Bell.

A car, containing 14,000 carp for distribution, was shipped from Washington city to Louisville Tuesday.

The news in Memphis were postponed all Tuesday of this week, on account of the heavy rains.

The yellow fever is reported to have disappeared from Massana, but is reported as raging violently at San Blas, Mexico.

The Tennessee Baptist last week and was very largely attended.

Two men were killed and several injured by a collision of two passenger trains on the Great Central railroad Sunday.

The amount of money in the United States Treasury is said to be about \$32,228,533.

Fifteen hundred bales of cotton, awaiting shipment to New York, were burned at New York City, Monday.

Gen. Phil Sheridan left Chicago Monday for Washington to assume his new duties as General of the Army.

John Carson was killed by William Gleason in a quarrel over a game of old sledge at Gilman Station, Ark., Monday.

Two men were killed and six badly injured by a fire-damp explosion in a coal mine near Pittsburg, Pa.

Henry Irving's opening night at the Star Theatre in New York City, was a success. He appeared in "The Bells," as Matthias.

The British colonies of Australia are discussing the advisability of forming a confederacy. Their combined population is 10,000,000, and their territory very extensive.

The National Cotton Planters' Association has invited Wendell Phillips to deliver an address at the annual meeting of that body in New York.

John Murphy was found dead near Wallingford, N. H., Sunday. He was supposed to have been murdered and robbed.

Mr. Henry Irving, the great English actor, was given a dinner by the Mayor of London at which a number of prominent men were present.

Mabel Stone, aged seventeen,